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U.S. EPA Begins Sampling at Historical Waste Sites

Eastern Sandusky County Assessment Project

Clyde, Ohio

February 2012

Call us

EPA has dedicated a toll-free hotline **855-838-1304** to gather tips about potentially contaminated sites and unsafe waste disposal practices in the region. All calls are kept confidential.

On the Web

EPA's webpage will provide updates about ongoing work:
www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/easternsandusky

For more information

For questions, comments or for more information about the Eastern Sandusky County investigation you can contact these U.S. EPA team members:

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Read the documents

Two area libraries contain an information repository with official documents about the Eastern Sandusky County investigation:

Clyde Public Library

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Birchard Public Library

423 Croghan St.
Fremont

Starting the week of Feb. 13, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its contractors will collect soil, air and water samples at sites in Eastern Sandusky County. The Agency is looking for possible contamination, focusing on 14 sites identified by Ohio state agencies. EPA will conduct "geophysical" surveys, which use magnetic and radar sensing, to help identify possible waste burial areas at the 14 sites. EPA expects the field work to take at least three weeks.

Last August, EPA officials met with local families affected by childhood cancer. EPA is conducting this environmental assessment to help answer questions and respond to concerns raised by the affected families and county residents. The Agency is also taking a new look at the environmental data previously collected in the area.

Progress to-date

In January, EPA established a confidential hotline (*see box at left*) for local residents to call if they have information or concerns about local dumpsites. Nearly 50 calls and emails have come in so far and investigators are following up on every lead. EPA is interviewing residents and reviewing documents, historical data and aerial photographs of the locations.

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U.S. EPA investigators make a preliminary survey of a possible hazardous waste site in Eastern Sandusky County. Sampling is being conducted at locations like this one looking for evidence of contamination.

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"If they find nothing that's wonderful, but my guess is and my gut tells me they are going to find something ...something that needs to be removed or remediated," Brown said.

EPA officials say they hope to have their findings by the end of spring or early summer.

WTOL TV Toledo

EPA begins to study Clyde Cancer Cluster

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Posted by Erin Kelly - email



CLYDE, OH (WTOL) - The U.S. EPA has started its investigation into the Eastern Sandusky Cancer Cluster, after years of requests from victims' families.

Investigators started collecting environmental samples Monday at the former Formulated Products site on East Street in a Clyde neighborhood. It is the first of 14 sites to be investigated.

"I think it is pretty important. They'll get the answers they want. We'll see if anything is here. If we have to look further, we'll look further," said Steve Wolfe, the on-scene coordinator with the U.S. EPA.

The majority of the locations to be tested are former dump sites. According to investigators, many of the sites haven't been used since the 1960s. Many now have houses on them. Investigators will collect water, soil and air samples looking for possible contamination.

"We're here to see what's there. We don't go there hoping to find something, thinking something is there. We just don't know what it is going to be," said Wolfe.

Crews will conduct "geophysical" surveys, using magnetic and radar sensing to detect possible underground burial sites, 20 feet below ground. A geo-probe then collects samples at different depths.

The testing sites were identified by the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health, after they researched the Eastern Sandusky Cancer Cluster.

"We're going further. They didn't look at these 14 sites, they just said they may be of concern. So we're looking at it from an environmental standpoint. We're going at depth, not just surface," said Wolfe.

For families of the cancer cluster, the testing has been a long time coming. According to the Ohio EPA, at least 35 children have been diagnosed with cancer in eastern Sandusky County since 1996.

Warren Brown lost his 11 year old daughter, Alexa, after a three year battle with cancer. He wrote to the EPA years ago, requesting federal investigators look into possible environmental contamination.

"I think it is wonderful we're going to get test results to determine whether or not there are things, subsurface, that need to be dealt with... It may preclude someone else from getting sick," said Warren Brown as he watched investigators collect the first samples.

Still, Brown and his wife, Wendy, said the testing should have been done years ago.

"Whatever window we had to determine what caused the cancer cluster, I believe and have believed, is gone, is closed. This is just another step in the process to be sure that there is nothing that could be a health hazard to other people," said Warren Brown.

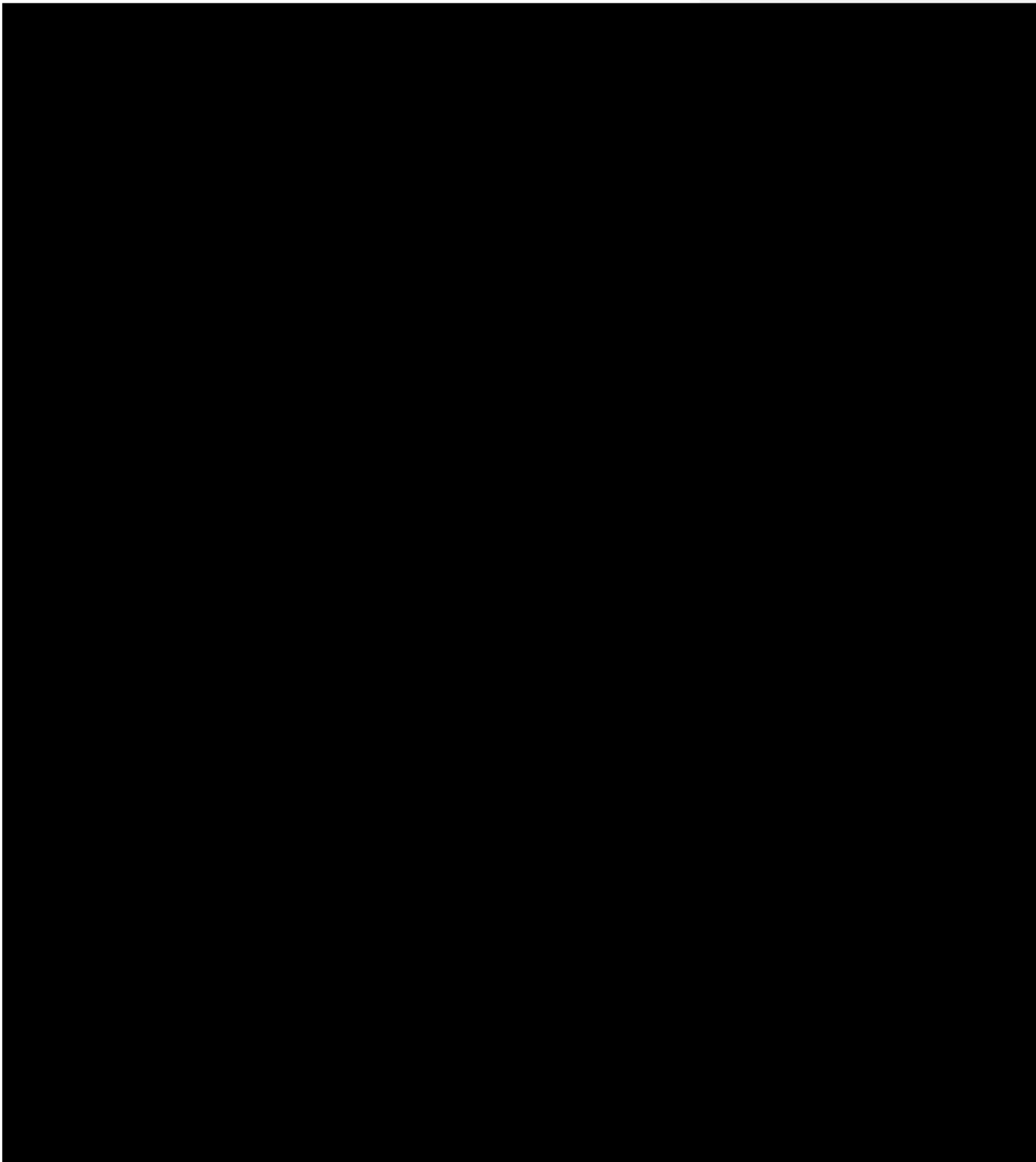
"I think it is important to do this, because Clyde has so many dumps around it. Is this going to tell us the cause of the cancer cluster? I don't think so," said Wendy Brown.

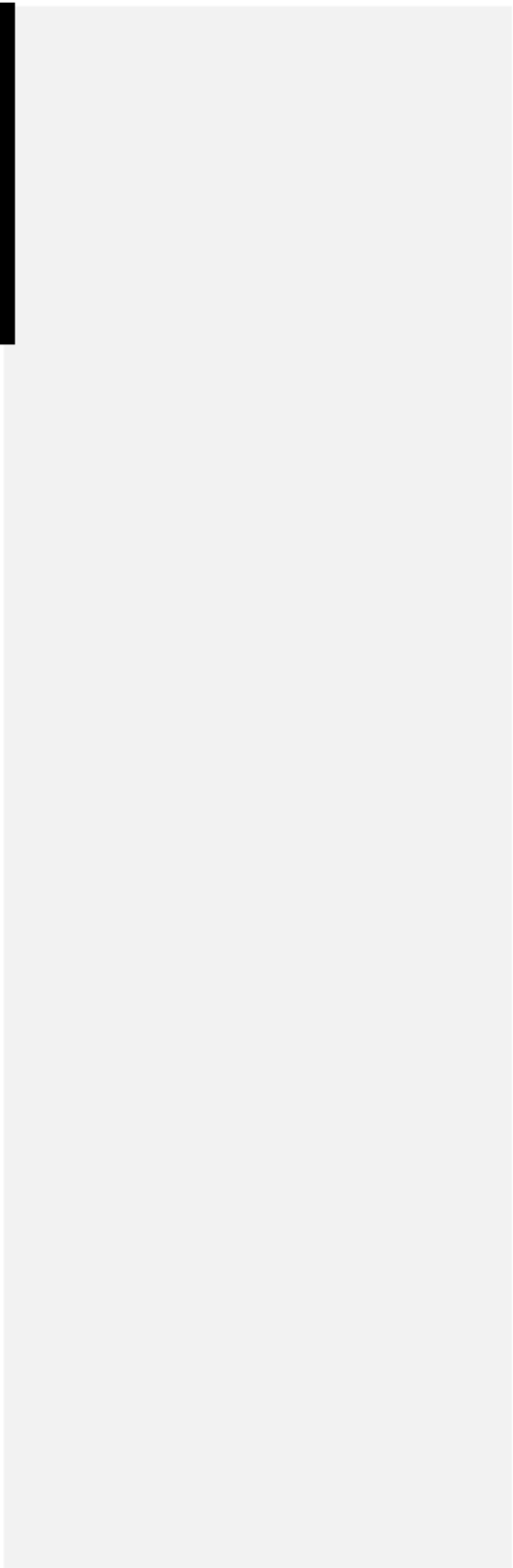
The Browns said they will continue to fight for funding for childhood cancer research, regardless of the outcome of the EPA testing.

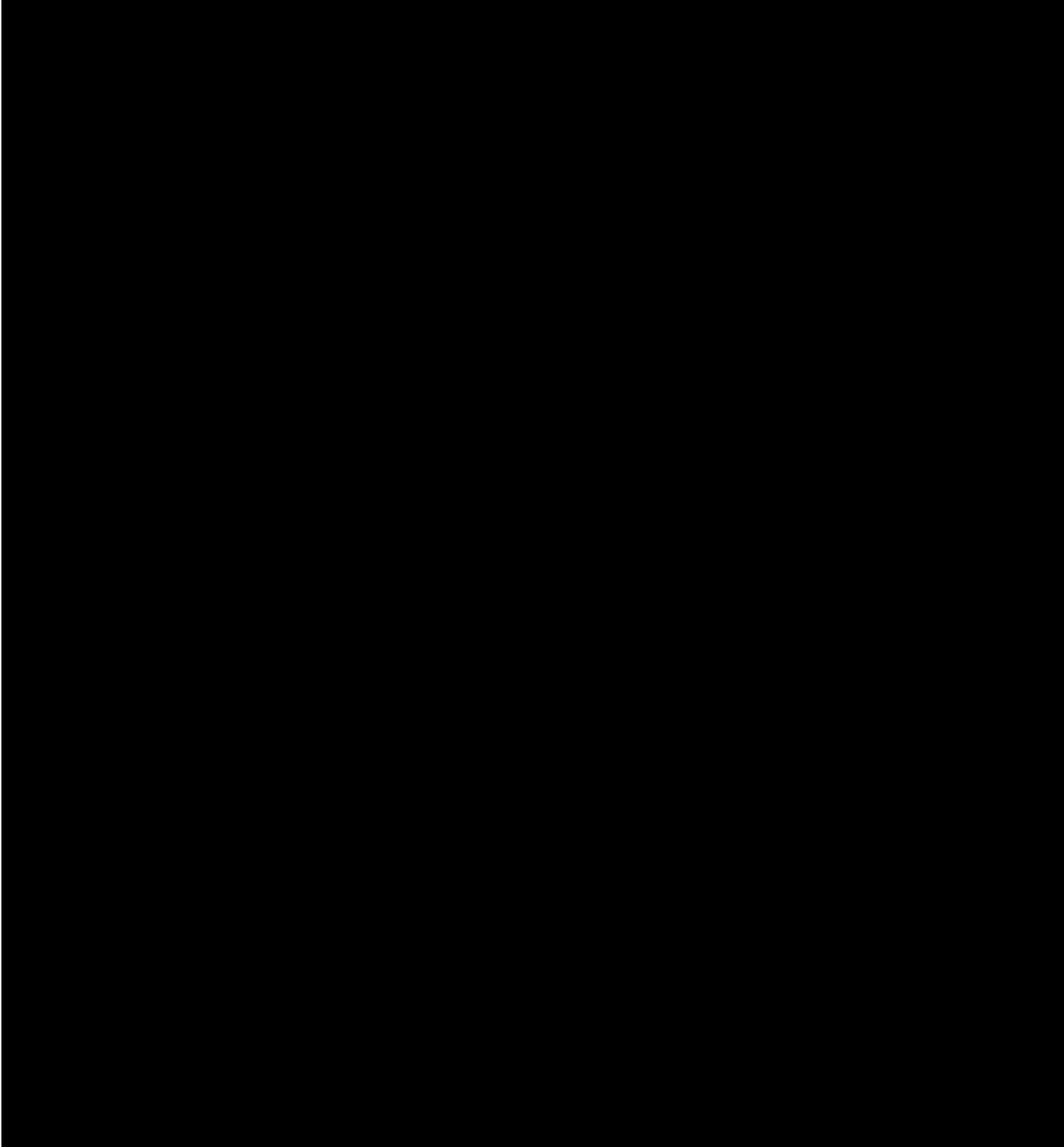
Wolfe said collecting the physical samples would likely take between two and three weeks. Samples will then be tested, with results possible late spring or early summer. At that point, Wolfe said, further testing or action could be taken.

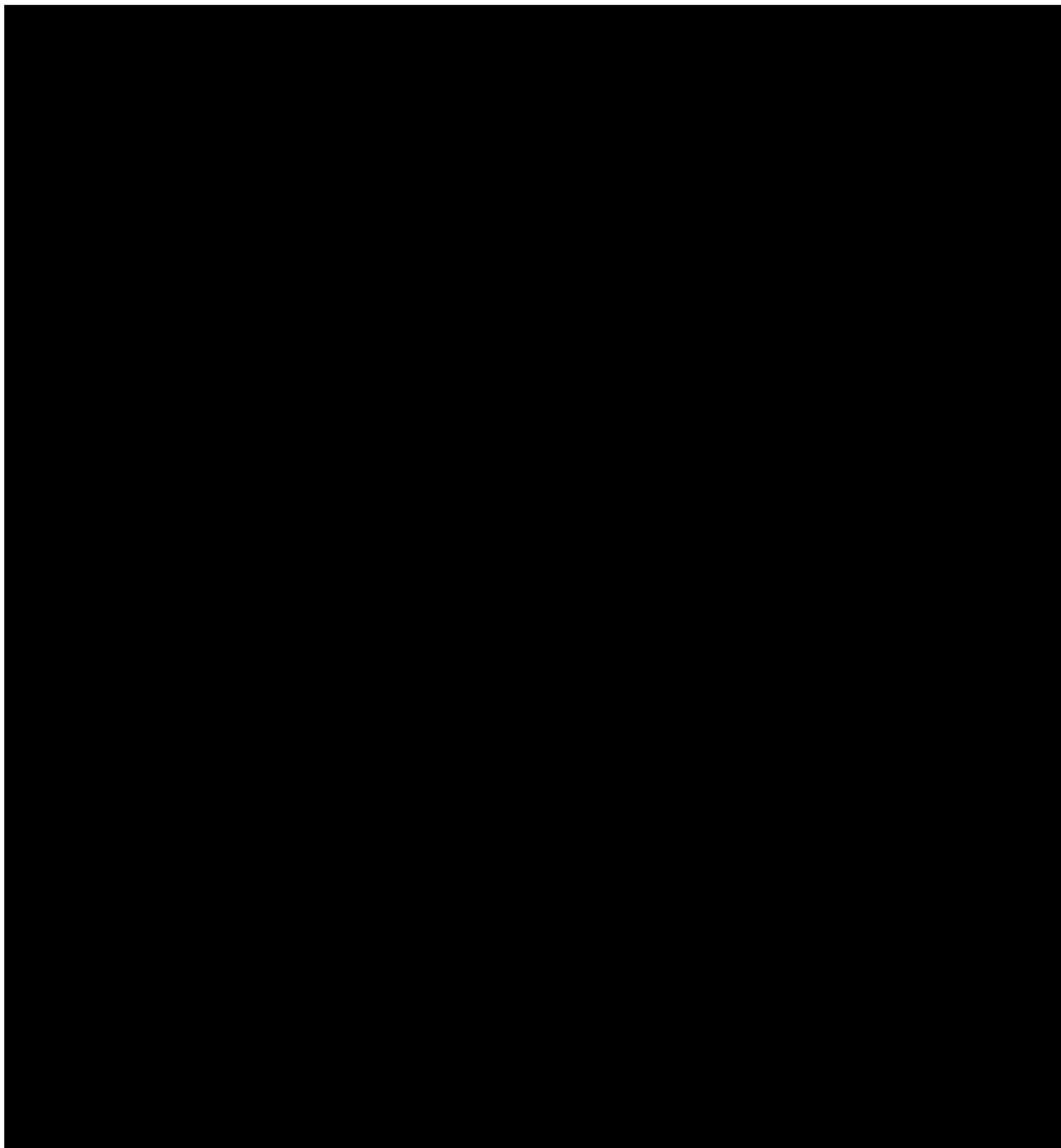
The EPA continues to operate a confidential hotline dedicated residents with information or concerns about possible dump sites in the Clyde area. Anyone with information can call 855-838-1304.

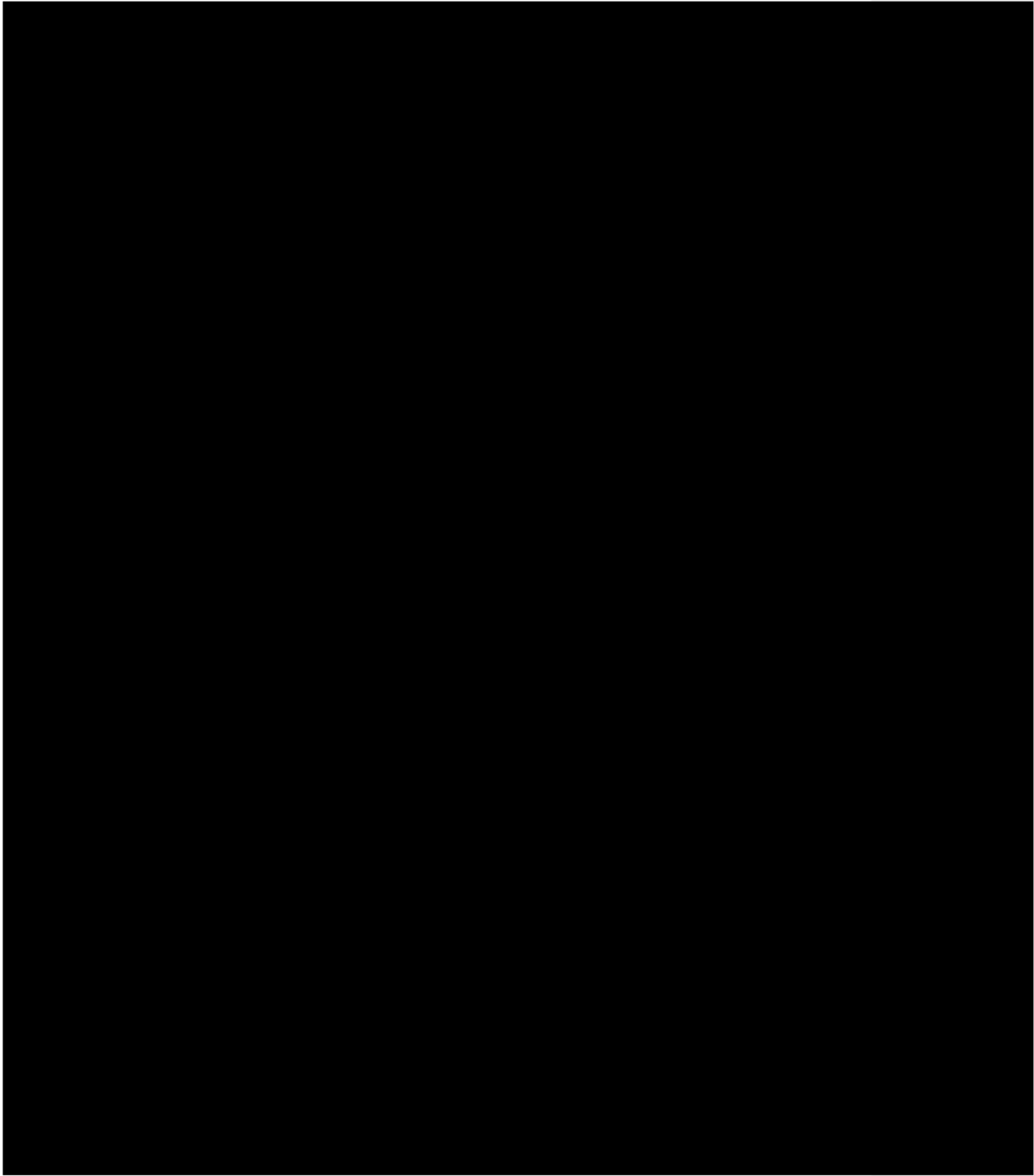
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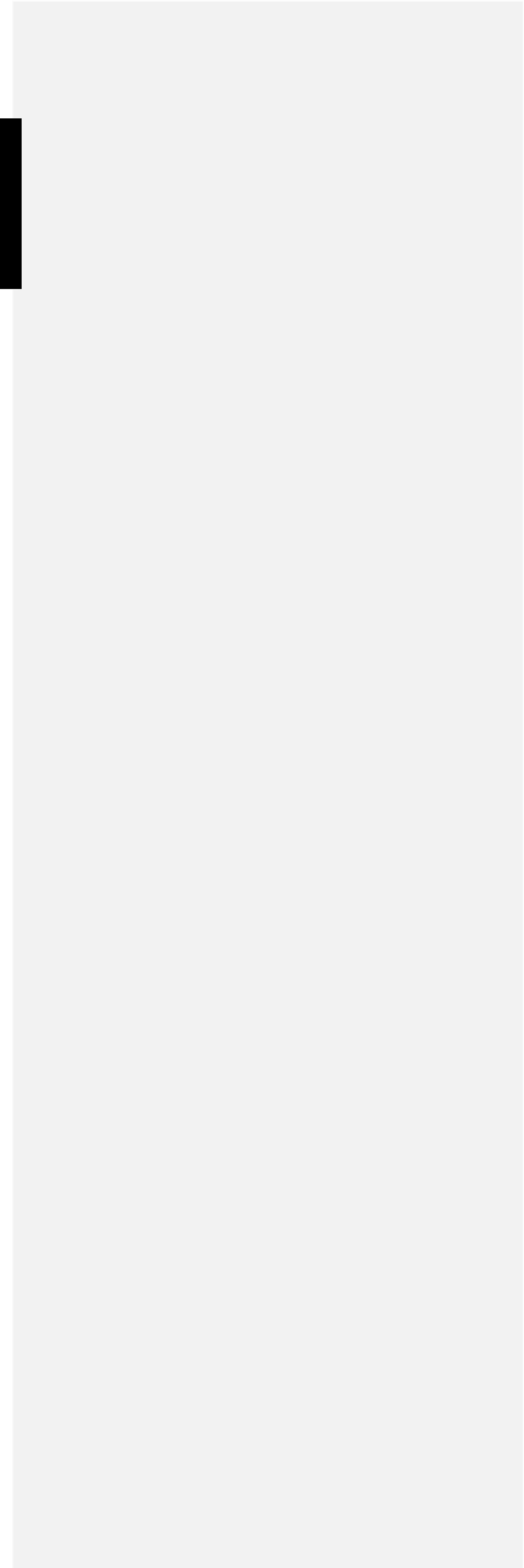




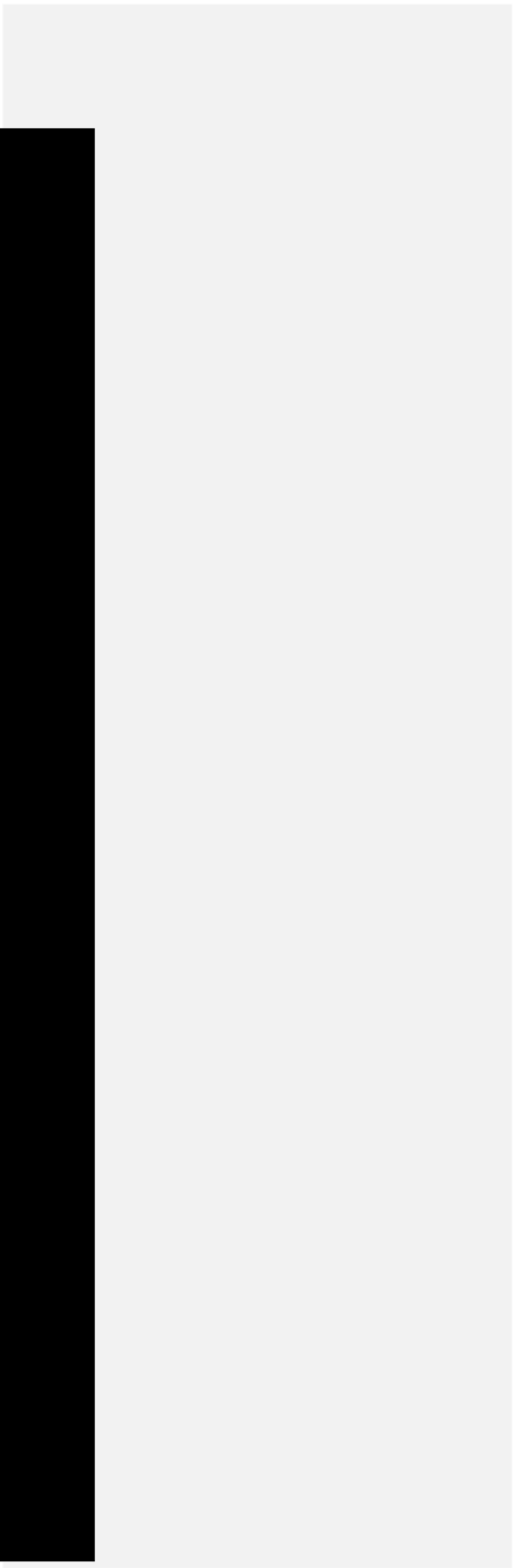
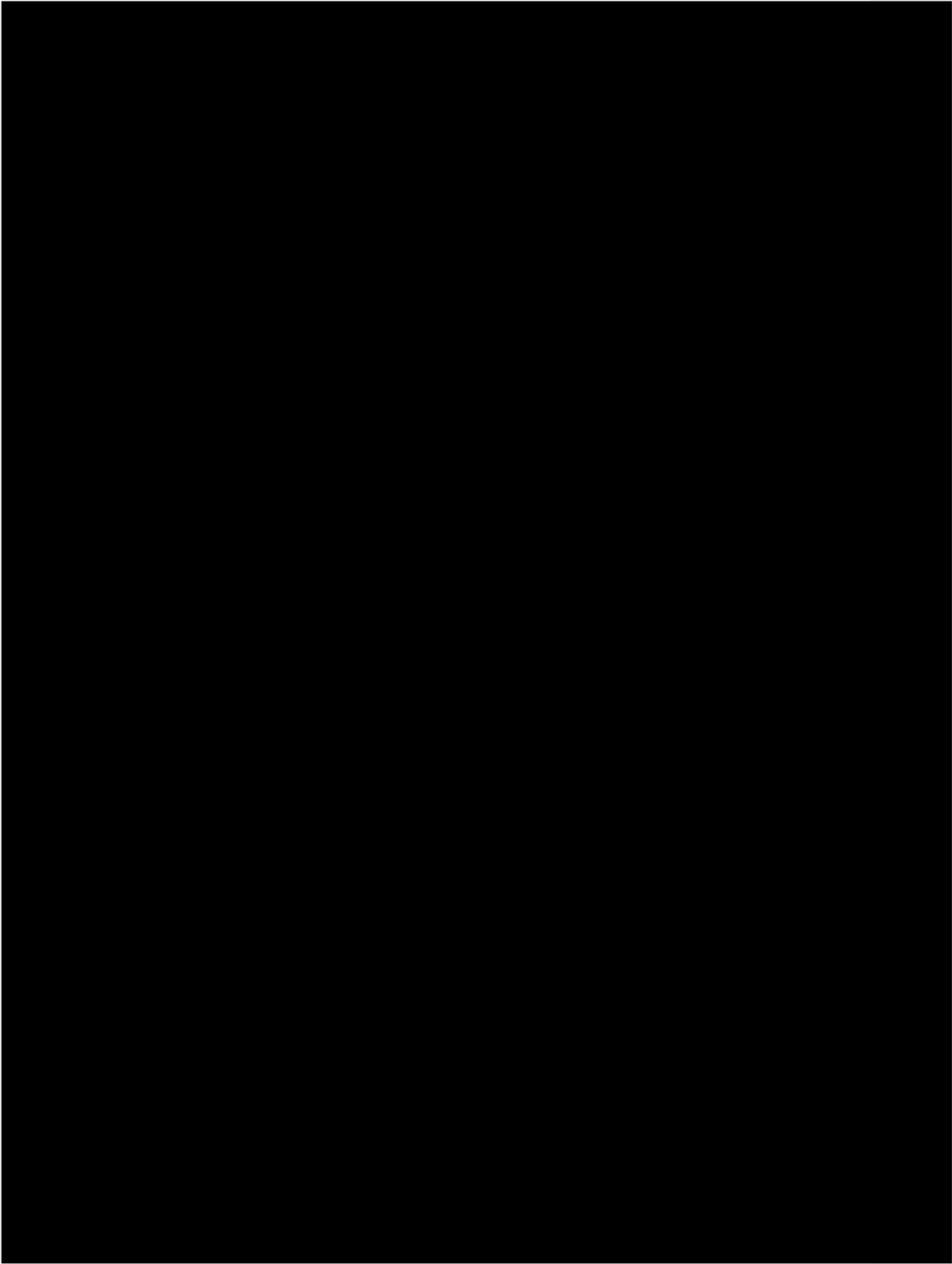


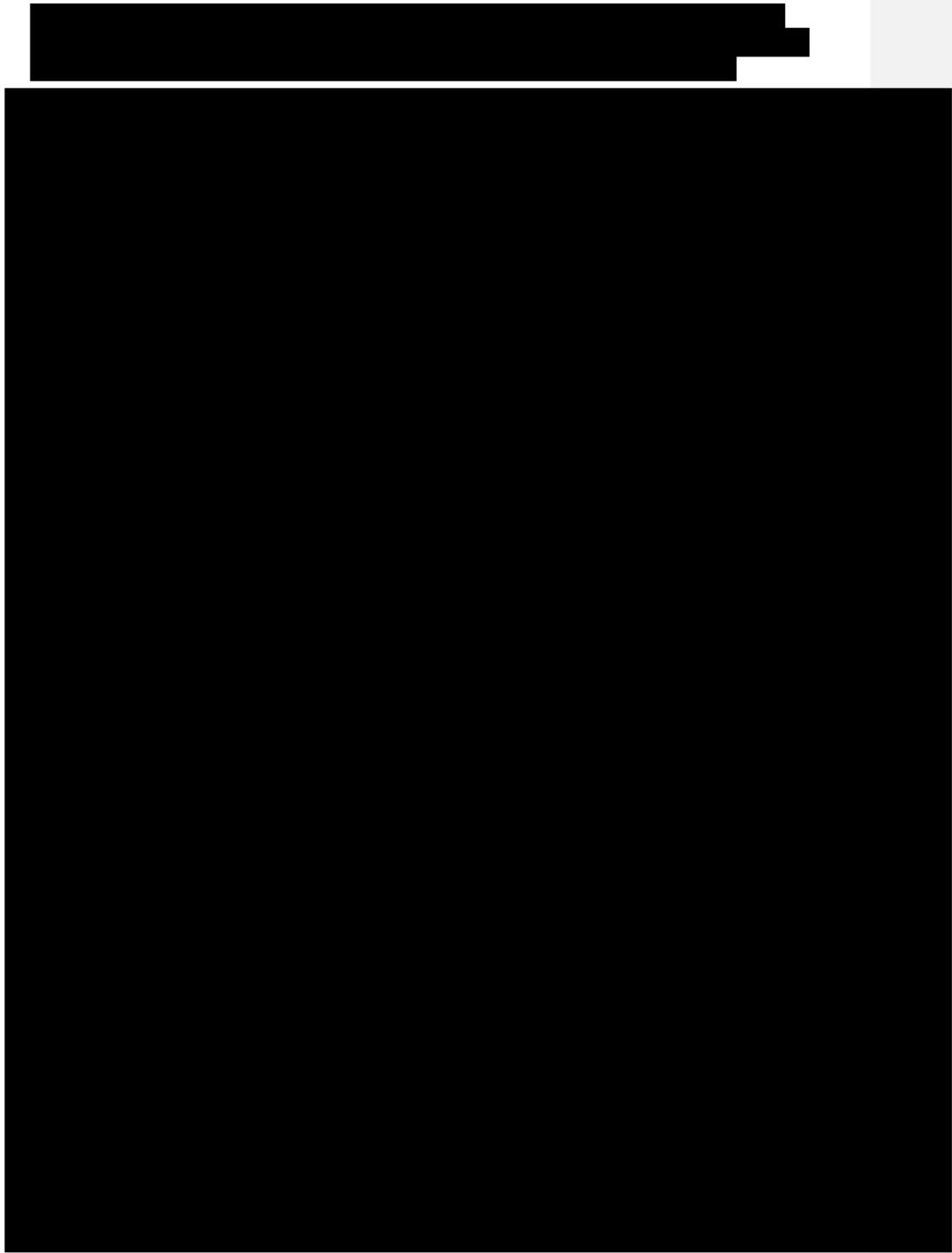


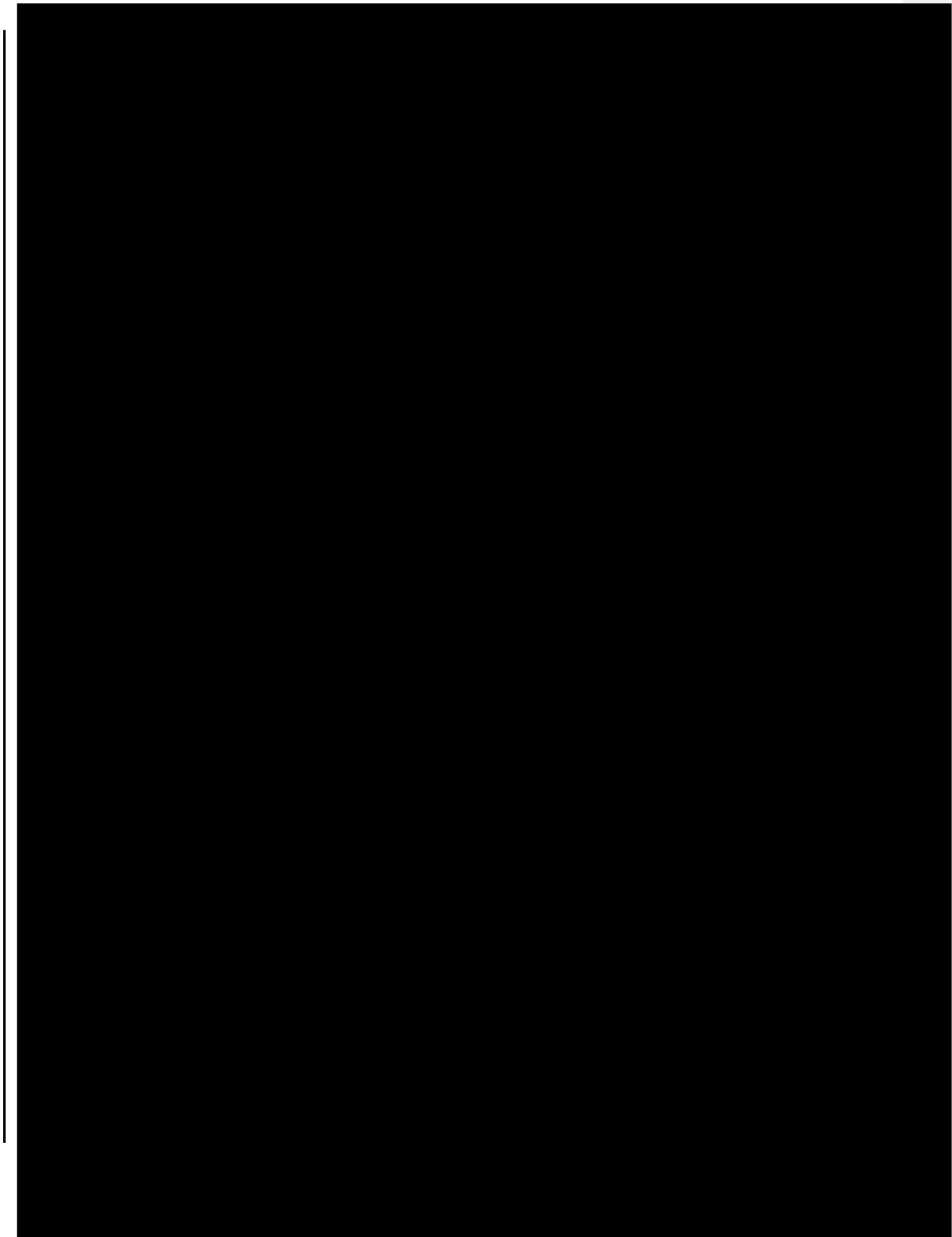


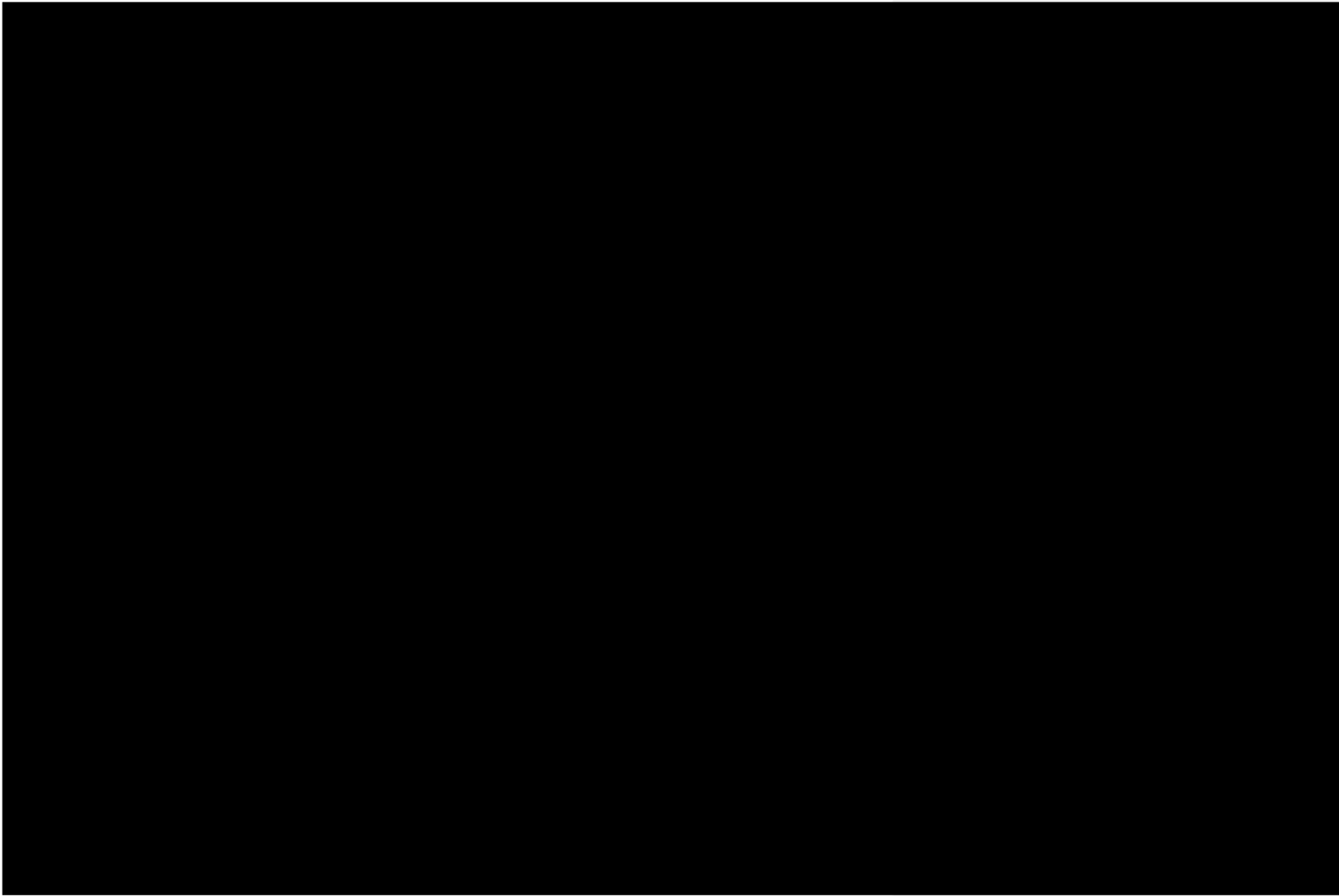


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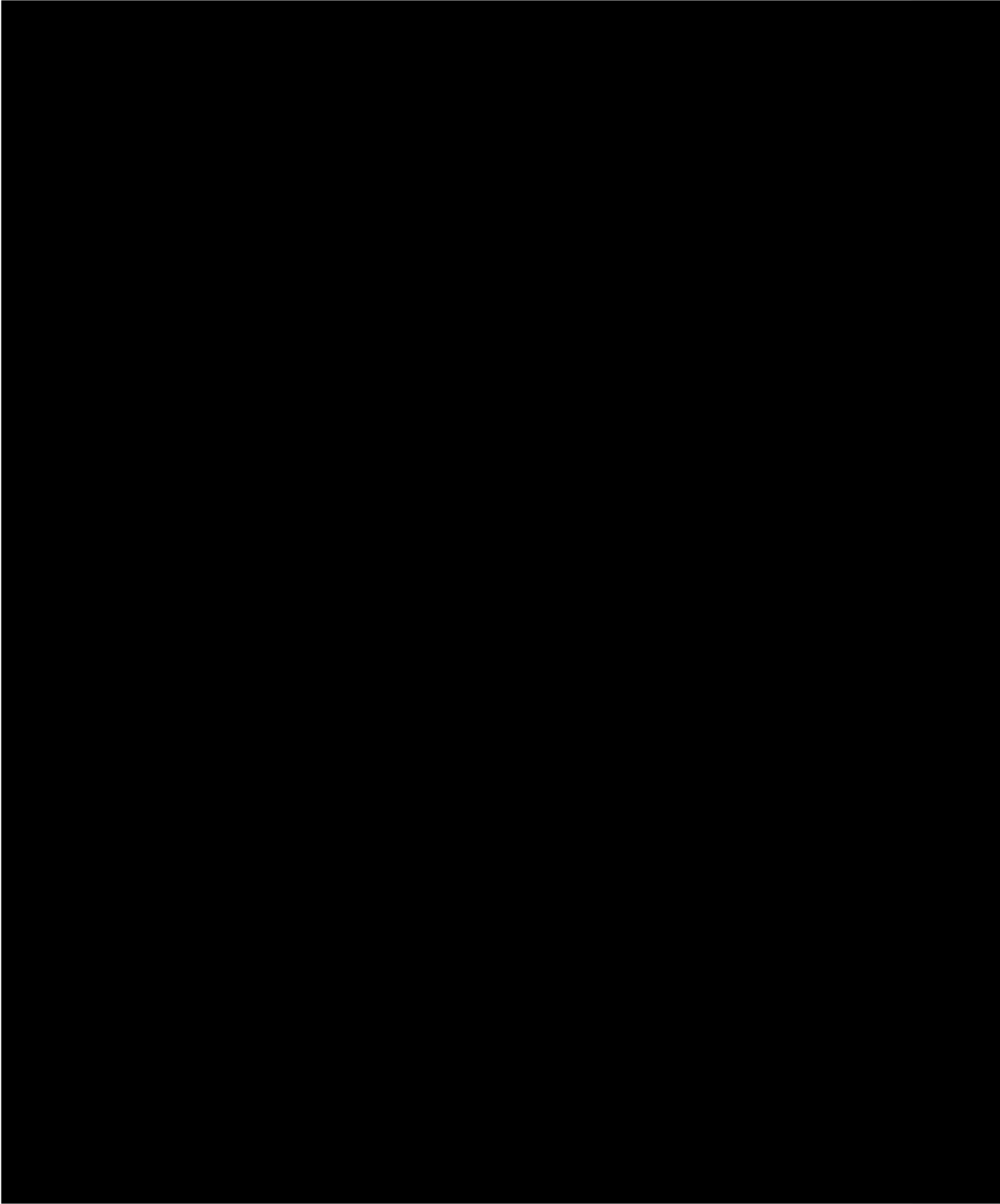


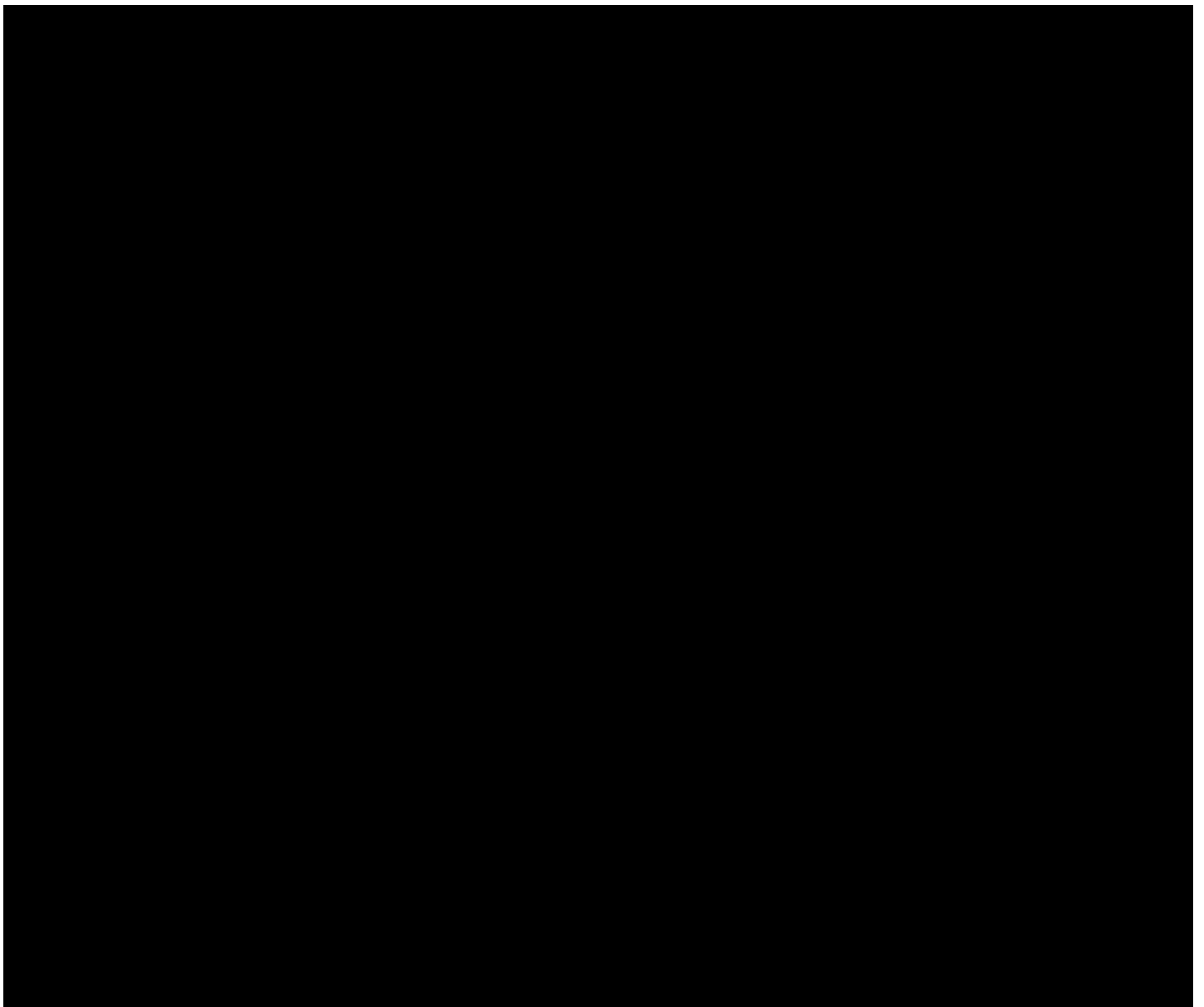












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FIRE

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They tried to smother the fire themselves, then called for help.

"We couldn't get it on time," said Peak, who rents the home with his girlfriend, mother, grandmother and two friends.

The fire department received the call at 8:35 p.m., and 15 firefighters from three stations arrived on the scene a few minutes later.

They subdued the flames within about 20 minutes, Capt. Brian Cowie said.

"It did some pretty good damage to the attic and kitchen area," he said.

Firefighters stayed at the scene until just after 10 p.m. to secure the area and clean up a pile of debris from the attic.

Cowie estimated the

damage at about \$20,000, with most of it contained to the kitchen and attic.

The Firelands chapter of the American Red Cross arranged a place for the residents to stay while the home is repaired, which is expected to take at least a few weeks.

A strong odor of smoke lingered on the street long after the fire was out.

Neighbor Shane Bellflower, 38, said he was sitting in his living room with his family when his wife saw the flashing lights of several fire trucks.

"She came out and saw flames shooting up," he said. "But it was pretty much under control when I got out there."

The home is owned by Donald and Terri Lombardy, of Marblehead, according to the Erie County auditor's website. It was last appraised at \$43,000 in 2009.



Register photos/ANNE ZELM

ABOVE: A pile of debris from the attic sits outside 421 Scott St., where a grease fire caused heavy damage to the kitchen and attic Saturday night.

LEFT: Sandusky fire Capt. Brian Cowie talks with resident Kathy Propst.

CONAGRA

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The recommendations will first be vetted by the city's planning commission, then by city council for final approval.

Before any final decisions are made, Huron officials plan to host public forums at which residents can digest the proposals and, if need be, suggest any changes.

The committee is considering a number of development options for the site, including:

- single-family homes overlooking Lake Erie;

- dock to lure boaters and tourists; and

- businesses and restaurants to attract residents living in nearby communities.

Huron officials expect to complete the project in the next five to 10 years.

"It's imperative for the community to control the guidelines for future development in order to get the very best possible investment to sustain future service delivery," White said.

Regardless of the type of development that comes to the site, just putting something there is vital, committee member Marilyn Shearer said.

"This is a keystone to redeveloping the area and further developing the waterfront," Shearer said. "This site should be a revenue producer, whether it's property taxes or income taxes."

Huron has spent a little more than \$8 million — all grant money — to buy the site, implode the building and clean up the area.

White estimates it will cost tens of millions of dollars to completely overhaul the site and build new structures. The city will eventually partner with a developer, who will assume some of the project cost, to create a vibrant area.

"It's going to be competitive to work on this site because the site is so attractive," White said. "We expect to receive multiple offers and ultimately select one in the best interest of the region."

Also, city council has created special tax plans to help offset the development costs. One of those plans is similar to what Erie County officials used to help fund improvements at Kalahari.

"It's going to be the anchor for the community," said councilman Brad Hartung,



ABOVE: What's left of the ConAgra facility after an implosion can be seen Jan. 8 in Huron.

LEFT: The ConAgra building just days before the implosion. Debris can be seen around the site as preparation work is completed for the event.

Register photos/JASON WERLING

Watch on-demand video of the implosion at sanduskyregister.com

a member of the planning committee. "We are looking to showcase this as a gateway from the north into the city."

Huron officials will focus on beautifying the shoreline this year.

This includes installing a pedestrian path to allow people to walk around the site, which had been private property for the past six decades.

It's invigorating to imagine

the possibilities for the site, including new jobs and a fresh look, White said.

"The city is extremely excited for the long-term benefits of this project," he said. "Ultimately, through prudent planning we can actually increase property valuations in the area and recreate a downtown center with additional services for the community without the need to raise local taxes."

EPA announces a hot line for the Eastern Sandusky County Project

Sandusky County, Ohio

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has set up a telephone hot line to gather information about the practices and operations at dump sites in eastern Sandusky County. The number is 855-838-1304. All calls will be kept confidential.

EPA is interested in information about the location of waste dumps and the types and quantities of hazardous materials that may have been placed in these dumps.

Once EPA has finished evaluating the sites, a report will be available for review on the information repositories on the website at www.epa.gov/region5/learnmore/easternsandusky.

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